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1. AT AUGUST 25-26 MULUNGUSHI UNIP GENERAL CONFERENCE, WHICH PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY ON SCHEDULE, PRESIDENT KAUNDA SIGNED INTO EFFECT CONSTITUTION OF SECOND REPUBLIC, SECURED UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO ADOPTION OF NEW UNIP CONSTITUTION AND WAS ELECTED UNOPPOSED AS PRESIDENT OF PARTY AND THUS AS SOLE CANDIDATE FOR NATION'S PRESIDENT. OFFICIAL SLATE OF TWENTY ELECTIVE MEMBERS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE, NOW SUPREME POLICY-MAKING INSTITUTION IN ZAMBIA'S "ONE-PARTY PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY," ACCEPTED WITHOUT OPPOSITION BY ACCLAMATION.

2. PRESIDENT FOLLOWED UP AUG 28 WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS TO TWO KEY OFFICES OF NEW POLITICAL SYSTEM: SECRETARY GENERAL TO PARTY GREY ZULU AND PRIME MINISTER MAINZA CHONA. AARON MILNER WAS APPOINTED TO TAKE ZULU'S PLACE AS DEFENSE MINISTER. PATRICK CHISANGA NAMED SECRETARY TO CABINET.

3. FOURTEEN OF OLD CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE RETAINED BY GENERAL CONFERENCE: MAINZA CHONA, ELIJAH MUDENDA, SOLOMON KALULU, ALEX SHAPI, WESLEY NYIRENDA, SIKOTA WINA, JETHRO MUTTI,
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FRANK CHITAMBALA, STEPHEN SIKOMBE, MARY FULANO, BOB LITANA,

DANIEL LISULO, GREY ZULU, REUBEN KAMANGA, NEW FACES ON COMMITTEE ARE SHADRACK SOKO, ANDREW MUTEMBA, MRS. CHIBESA KAAKASA, SAMUEL MBILISHI, FINES BULAWEYO, ANANIAH CHANGO. OUT ARE AARON MILNER, PETER MATOKO, DOROTHY KAPANTA, REUBEN KAMAVU, CLEMENT MWANANSHIKU, FITZPATRICK CHUULA. KAUNDA IS AUTOMATICALLY CHAIRMAN OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND ON AUGUST 28 HE EXERCISED HIS RIGHT APPOINT THREE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS: HUMPHREY MULEMBA, BAUTIS KAPULU AND MISS PETRONELA KAWANDAMI. (MULEMBA WAS ON ORIGINAL ELECTIVE LIST BUT HE REPLACED AT LAST MINUTE BY MRS. KANKASA BECAUSE IT DISCOVERED HE INELIGIBLE DUE HIS FAILURE TO REGISTER AS VOTER.) COMPOSITION OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE COMPLETED WITH PRIME MINISTER CHONA AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER. (CHONA HAS RESIGNED AS ELECTIVE MEMBER AND REPLACEMENT WILL BE NAMED BY UNIP NATIONAL COUNCIL.)

4. FEW MEMBERS OF OLD TEAM SEEM TO HAVE FALLEN BY WAYSIDE, BUT THEY MAY REAPPEAR FOLLOWING PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS EXPECTED IN OCTOBER. AT MOMENT IT SEEMS PRESENT MINISTERS WILL REMAIN UNTIL AFTER ELECTIONS. NOTABLE IS ABSENCE ANY ROLE FOR HARRY NKUMBULA (WHO DID NOT APPEAR AT MULUNGUSHI) AND HIS ANC FOLLOWERS WHO, AT DRAMATIZED KAUNDA-NKUMBULA CHONA MEETING JUNE 27, ANNOUNCED DECISION JOIN UNIP (LUSAKA 1195). WHAT, IF ANYTHING, THIS DOES TO BARGAIN WITH NKUMBULA REMAINS BE SEEN. SOMETHING OF SURPRISE ALSO WAS SELECTION OF CHONA AS PRIME MINISTER RATHER THAN PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL AS WAS COMMONLY EXPECTED. THIS PRESUMABLY A REFLECTION ON HIS INEPTNESS AS SECRETARY GENERAL IN EARLIER YEARS AND KAUNDA BELIEF HE CAN IN ANY EVENT BETTER MANAGE PARTY THROUGH ZULU TO WHOM HE PARTICULARLY CLOSE. APPOINTMENT MILNER, CLOSE FRIEND OF GREY ZULU, AS MINDEF, PROBABLY RESULT MILNER'S LONG-TIME INTEREST IN SECURITY AFFAIRS PLUS PRESIDENT'S WISE PLACE PROVEN AND LOYAL ADMINISTRATOR AT HELM OF DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP WITH DETAILED AIRGRAM ANALYSIS. NELSON

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